

Travel Expenses

If you or other family members need to travel from out of town to attend the funeral, you may be able to obtain discounted airfares, called bereavement fares. Contact your airline for more details. You may be required to produce a death certificate or obituary to obtain the fare or else you may have to pay full fare up front and apply for a credit if you do not have documentation when booking the fare.

Death Certificate

The funeral home will assist you in getting certified copies of the death certificate which you will need for various legal purposes. If you need additional copies *within 30 days* of death, they can be obtained through Montgomery County Office of Vital Records, 2000 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, (240) 777-1757. *After 30 days*, they can be obtained through the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Div. of Vital Records, 6550 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215, 800-832-3277.

Social Security Death Benefits

You will need to report your loved one's death to the Social Security Administration. You may also be eligible to receive death and survivor benefits through SSA. Contact them at 800-772-1213.

Wills and Estates

Whether or not your loved one had a will, you may need to contact the court to open an estate, if your loved one owned any real or personal property (including vehicles), so that this property can be properly transferred to the survivors. For more information or assistance, either contact your attorney or the County Register of Wills at (240) 777-9600.

Grief Support

During this difficult time for you and your family, you may find that you need additional support in your grief. Please communicate with your victim advocate about your needs. There are many counseling and support groups options available to you and your family. If you find that you are in need of immediate assistance, contact the County Crisis Center at (240) 777-4000. They are available 24 hours a day.

The Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program is available to help those who have lost a loved one due to homicide. They can be reached at (240) 777-1355. Other resources and support groups include the following:

Hospice Caring, Inc.: (301) 869-4673; runs various support groups throughout the county; www.hospicecaring.org

Compassionate Friends: for those who have lost a child (of any age), 1-877-969-0010, www.compassionatefriends.org

Further Assistance

Please contact your police department victim services coordinator if you have any questions or problems.

Victim Coord.: _____

Phone: _____

Case #: _____

Investigator: _____

Phone: _____

Montgomery County Police Department Victim Services Unit



*To assist you in dealing with the
death of your loved one*

Making Funeral Arrangements for Your Loved One

Contact a funeral home of your choice; the funeral director will meet with you and your family to discuss the arrangements. If your loved one has been taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), the funeral home can take care of contacting them to arrange for your loved one to be transferred to the funeral home. If an autopsy was performed and you want a copy of the results, contact the OCME at (410) 333-3250.

If you need financial help to pay for funeral services, there are several options:

1. Dept. of Health and Human Services Burial Assistance Program (HHS). Total funeral expenses cannot exceed \$1500; HHS will grant up to \$650 towards total expenses, family must pay remainder. Montgomery County DSS offices are located at 1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, (240) 777-1101; 8818 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, (240) 777-3075; and 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown, (240) 777-3420.

2. Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program Compensation, 1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, (240) 777-1355. Income eligible applicants may receive up to \$2500 to assist with funeral expenses if loved one was a victim of a homicide.

3. Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, 6776 Reisterstown Rd., Suite 312, Baltimore, 21215, 1-888-679-9347. Applicants may receive up to \$5000 towards funeral expenses if loved one was a victim of a homicide. No income eligibility requirements.

Funeral Homes

Muriel H. Barber Funeral Home
P.O. Box 5038
Laytonsville, MD 20882
(301) 948-3500

Francis J. Collins Funeral Home
500 University Blvd West
Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 593-9500

Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapel
1170 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 340-1400

Devol Funeral Home
10 East Deer Park Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
(301) 948-6800

Hilton Funeral Home
22111 Beallsville Rd.
Barnesville, MD 20838
(301) 349-2135

Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc.
11800 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 622-2290

Olin L. Molesworth Funeral Home
P.O. Box 117
26401 Ridge Road
Damascus, MD 20872
(301) 253-2138

Pope Funeral Home
11315 Lockwood Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 754-6400

Robert A. Pumphrey Funeral Home
300 West Montgomery Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 762-3939

7557 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 652-2200

RAPP Funeral and Cremation Services
933 Gist Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 565-4100

Philip D. Rinaldi Funeral Service
9241 Columbia Blvd
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 585-4050

Edward Sagel Funeral Direction
1091 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 217-9400

Simple Tribute
1040 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 545-0960

Snowden Funeral Home
246 North Washington Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 762-2500

Veterans Affairs

Contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000. They will pay up to \$300 towards burial expenses (for nonservice-related deaths). Must apply and have copy of military separation documents.

In addition to Arlington National Cemetery, there are several veterans' cemeteries throughout Maryland where loved ones can be buried. If you wish to have funeral with military honors, your funeral director will contact the appropriate service to make arrangements.